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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of Invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. **format of material:**
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 - c. **time of filing/furnishing:**
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-8
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-8
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-8
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. The following documents are referred to in this communication:

- D1: US 2004/039909 A1 (CHENG DAVID) 26 February 2004 (2004-02-26)
- D2: US 2002/184509 A1 (SCHEIDT EDWARD M ET AL) 5 December 2002 (2002-12-05)
- D3: US 2003/149882 A1 (HAMID LAURENCE) 7 August 2003 (2003-08-07)
- D4: WO 03/003169 A (CLOAKWARE CORPORATION; JOHNSON, HAROLD, J; MAIN, ALEC) 9 January 2003 (2003-01-09)

2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

- 2.1** The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
- 2.2** Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document): a method of limiting access to a device ("method and system to authorize access" and "access could be granted ... networks", paragraph [0005]), said method comprises limiting access to said device according to at least respectively a first and a second level of access ("arbiter that defines the plurality of authentication levels", paragraph [0006]), wherein said method comprises the steps of: - receiving a protection key from the rightful user of said device, said protection key comprising a combination of biometric data relating to said rightful user and shareable knowledge data ("each authentication level includes one or more factors" and "an authentication factor could be a non-biometric or a biometric factor ... knowledge of a PIN", paragraph [0034]), - limiting access to said device whereby a first level of access to said device can be obtained when receiving an access key comprising said shareable knowledge data in said protection key, and a second level of access to said device can be obtained, when receiving an access key comprising the combination of said biometric data and said shareable knowledge data in said protection key (table 1 and "preferred to have ... non-biometric factors" and "7 different authentication levels ... different

authentication factors", paragraph [0034]).

3. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 8

- 3.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 8 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
- 3.2 The same reasoning as stated with respect to claim 1 applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject matter of the corresponding independent claim 8, which therefore is also considered not new.

4. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-7

- 4.1 Dependent claims 2-7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT), see documents D1-D4 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.